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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**LOG OF MEETING**

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**SUBJECT:** All-Terrain Vehicles

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 13, 2002

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**LOCATION OF MEETING:** CPSC Headquarters

**CPSC ATTENDEES:** Jeffrey Trout, Dennis Wilson, Patsy Semple, Melissa Hampshire, and Leonard Goldstein

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:** David Murray and Roy Watson (Yamaha), Grant Nakayama (Polaris), Bill Willen and Michael Brown (Honda), John Walsh (Suzuki), Doug Wilson and Roger Hagie (Kawasaki)

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The non-CPSC attendees ("ATV manufacturers") requested this meeting, which was noticed on the CPSC public calendar and was open to the public. The ATV manufacturers discussed the following:

1. The CPSC staff is nearing completion of its analysis of results of ATV injury and exposure surveys. The ATV manufacturers understand that, based on preliminary results, the useful life of ATVs may be substantially longer than was last estimated in 1994 and could explain, in part, the large increases in the risk of ATV-related injuries reported in recent years. The manufacturers asked whether the comment period for the pending ATV petition filed by various consumer groups could be extended beyond the current expiration date for such comments on December 17, 2002. The manufacturers suggested that an extension of time for comments would give the Commission the opportunity to consider the staff's analysis of survey results, including comments of the manufacturers on such analysis, in determining whether the relief requested in the petition should be pursued.
2. The ATV manufacturers may propose that CPSC consider modification of the age/engine size criteria that have been carried over from the ATV Consent Decree. According to the manufacturers, an increase in the engine size for ATVs recommended for age 12 and above would permit an increase in the physical dimensions of such ATVs and make them ergonomically more appropriate for youth

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riders. This, in turn, may help to keep riders in this age group from riding adult size ATVs.

3. The ATV manufacturers continue to carry out their obligations under the post-Consent Decree voluntary action plans. They contend that other companies that have entered into this market in recent years are not subject to the same voluntary actions.

The CPSC attendees made no commitments on any of the matters raised by the ATV manufacturers.